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## PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in Southeast Asia, primarily the Laotian Panhandle, as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. For a comprehensive study of road development in this area prior to 1 April 1966 see NPIC R-110/66, Communist Road Net Development in the Laotian Panhandle (CONFIDENTIAL/No Foreign Dissem)

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Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC.

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ROAD STATUS, SOUTHERN LAOTTIAN PANHANDLE

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- International boundary
- Railroad
- Road

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Legend for the Indochina map:

- National capital: Star symbol
- International boundary: Dashed line
- Railroad: Dotted line
- Road: Solid line

Scale: 0 50 100 150 Miles  
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NAMES AND BOUNDARY REPRESENTATION  
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1. Railroad Cable Bridge Under Construction, Vinh/Dong Hoi Rail Line,  
North Vietnam

25X1A [REDACTED] Track has been placed on the cables at the railroad cable bridge under construction immediately south of the destroyed Xom Khe Rail Bridge over the Khe Net [REDACTED] at 17-58N 105-55E (Figure 1). Seven wooden A-frames are supporting an undetermined number of cables (two previously observed). Both ends of the bridge remain unconnected to the Vinh/Dong Hoi Rail Line.

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## UNNUMBERED ROAD

# RAILROAD CABLE BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## ROUTE

## ROUTE

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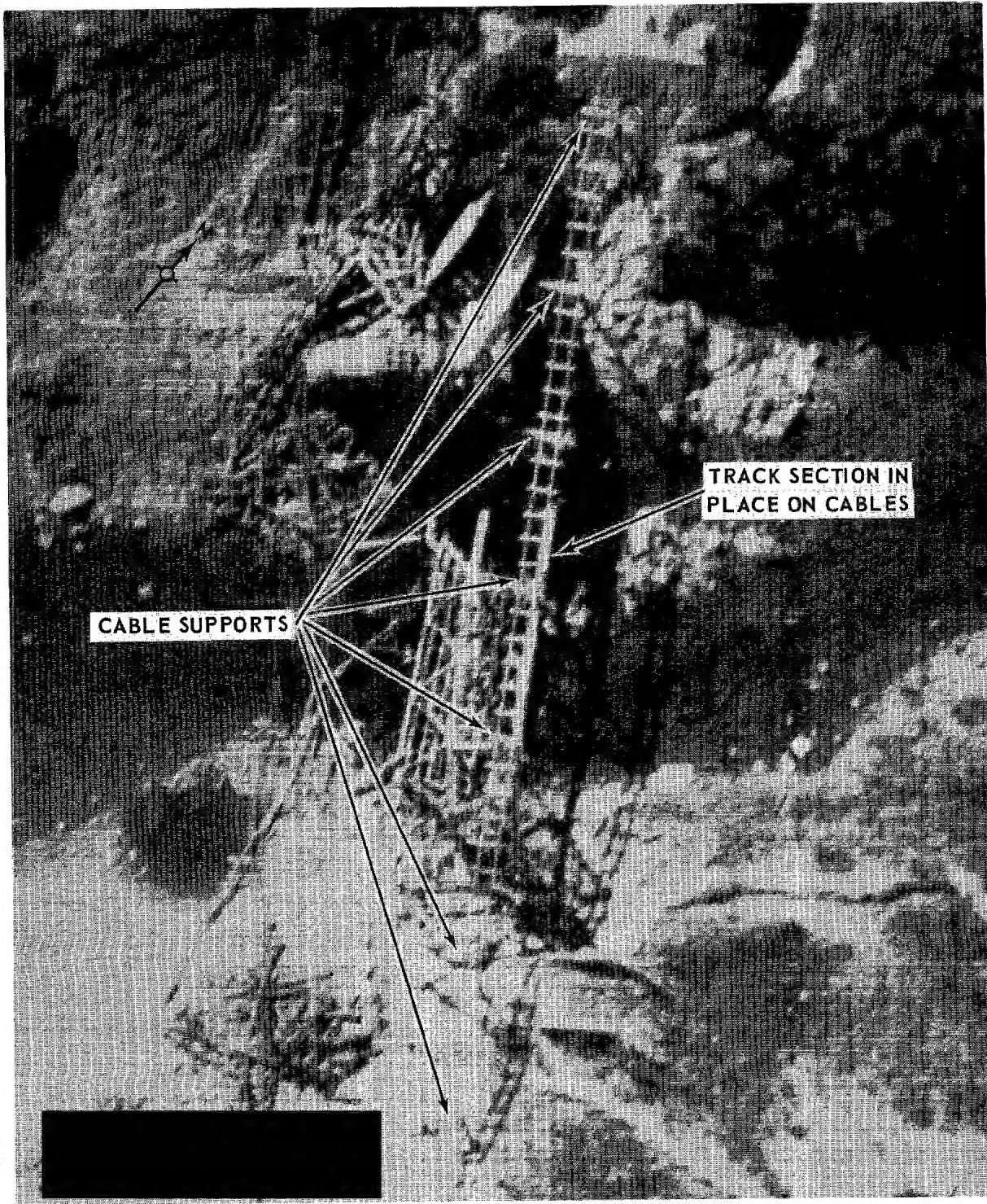


FIGURE 1. RAILROAD CABLE BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, VINH/DONG HOI RAIL LINE, NORTH VIETNAM

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2. Truck Convoys and Road Construction Activity, Route 108, North Vietnam

Two large truck convoys and road construction activity were observed near the junction of Routes 108 and 1A on night [REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1D [REDACTED] Seventeen trucks were heading north on Route 108 between UTM XE447758 and XE438770 and 19 trucks were heading west on Route 108 between UTM XE511750 and XE494748. A probable camouflaged bulldozer at UTM XE467743 was operating on a by-pass under construction around a stream crossing on Route 108 (Figure 2).

Route 108 is one of the southernmost segments of the inland road network being developed between Thanh Hoa and Dong Hoi (CIA/PIR 75012, Inland Road Network Under Construction, Southern North Vietnam, [REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL). However, activity now observed is probably local in nature, since there are currently no serviceable connections from this route to other roads in the network. 25X1D

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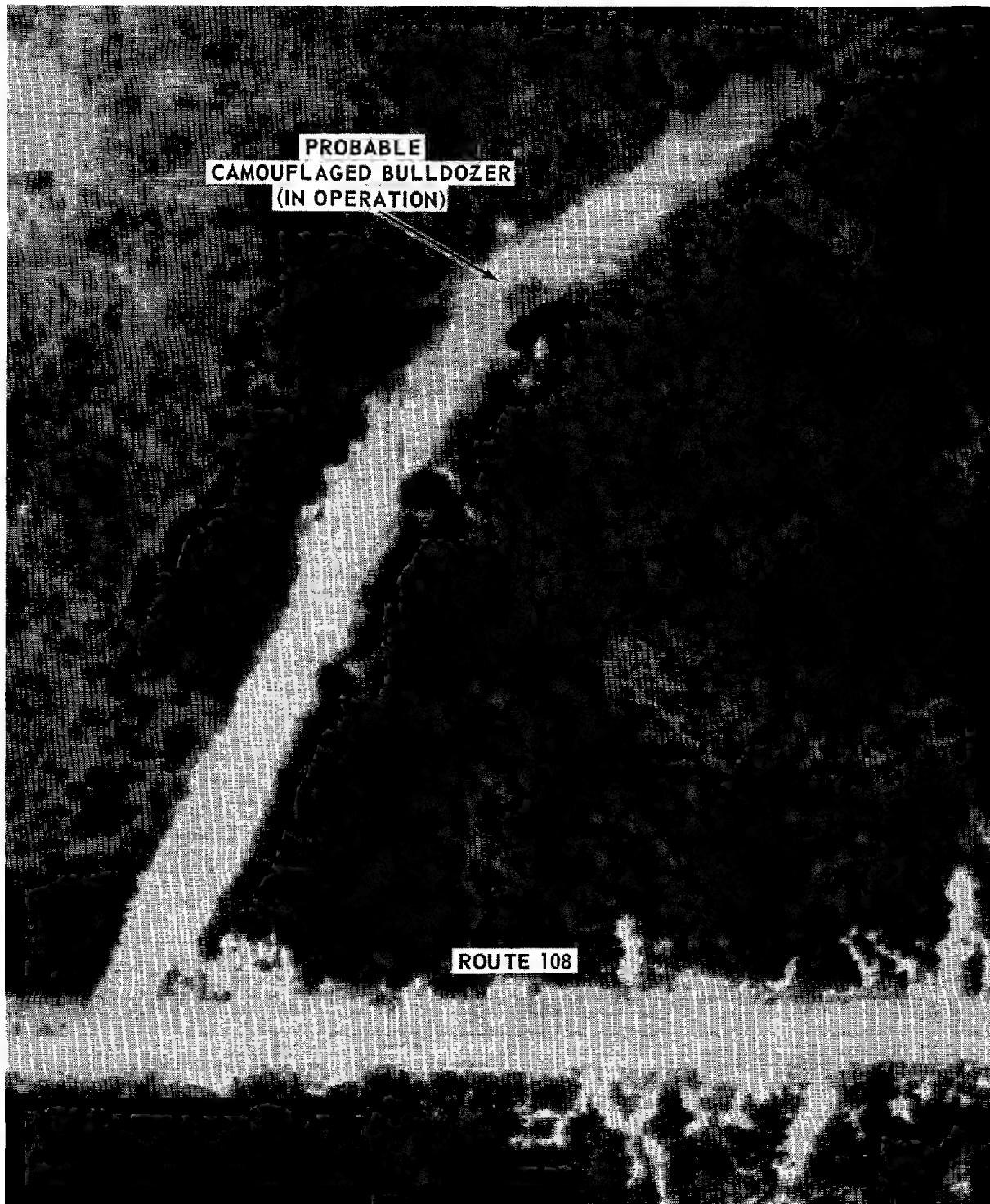
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FIGURE 2. BY-PASS CONSTRUCTION, ROUTE 108, NORTH VIETNAM

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3. Truck Park Complex, Junction of Routes 101 and 137, North Vietnam

A large truck park complex is located immediately south of the junction of Routes 101 and 137 at 17-35N 106-18E. At least eight separate parking areas are located at the base of a karst hill at UTM XE388458, XE389458, XE390458, XE391461, XE393460, XE394459, XE399462, and XE400464 (Figure 3). Three access roads connect the area to Route 137. The truck park is one of many facilities in the vicinity of the Route 101/137 junction which may form a major staging area for movement of supplies and personnel from North Vietnam into Laos.

25X1D A military camp at UTM XE398444, previously containing nine partially concealed buildings, [REDACTED] AW positions, foxholes, and trenches, was partially damaged by air strikes. The area now contains at least seven intact buildings and extensive fresh vehicle tracks.

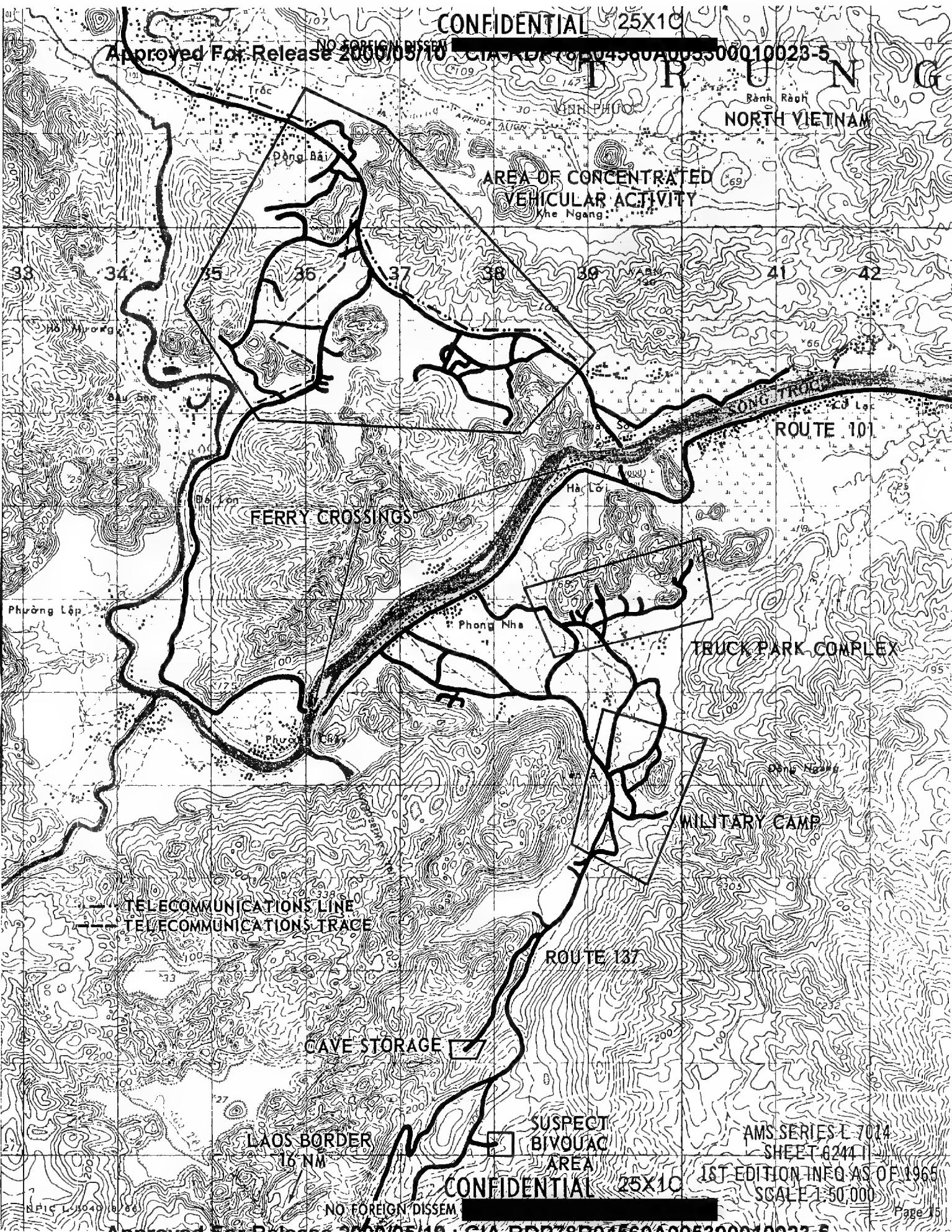
25X1D [REDACTED] is connected to Route 137 by an access road (Figure 4). Air strikes destroyed approximately seven buildings dispersed along the access road, however fresh vehicle tracks now bypass the craters [REDACTED] 25X1D

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FIGURE 3. TRUCK PARKS, ROUTE 137, NORTH VIETNAM

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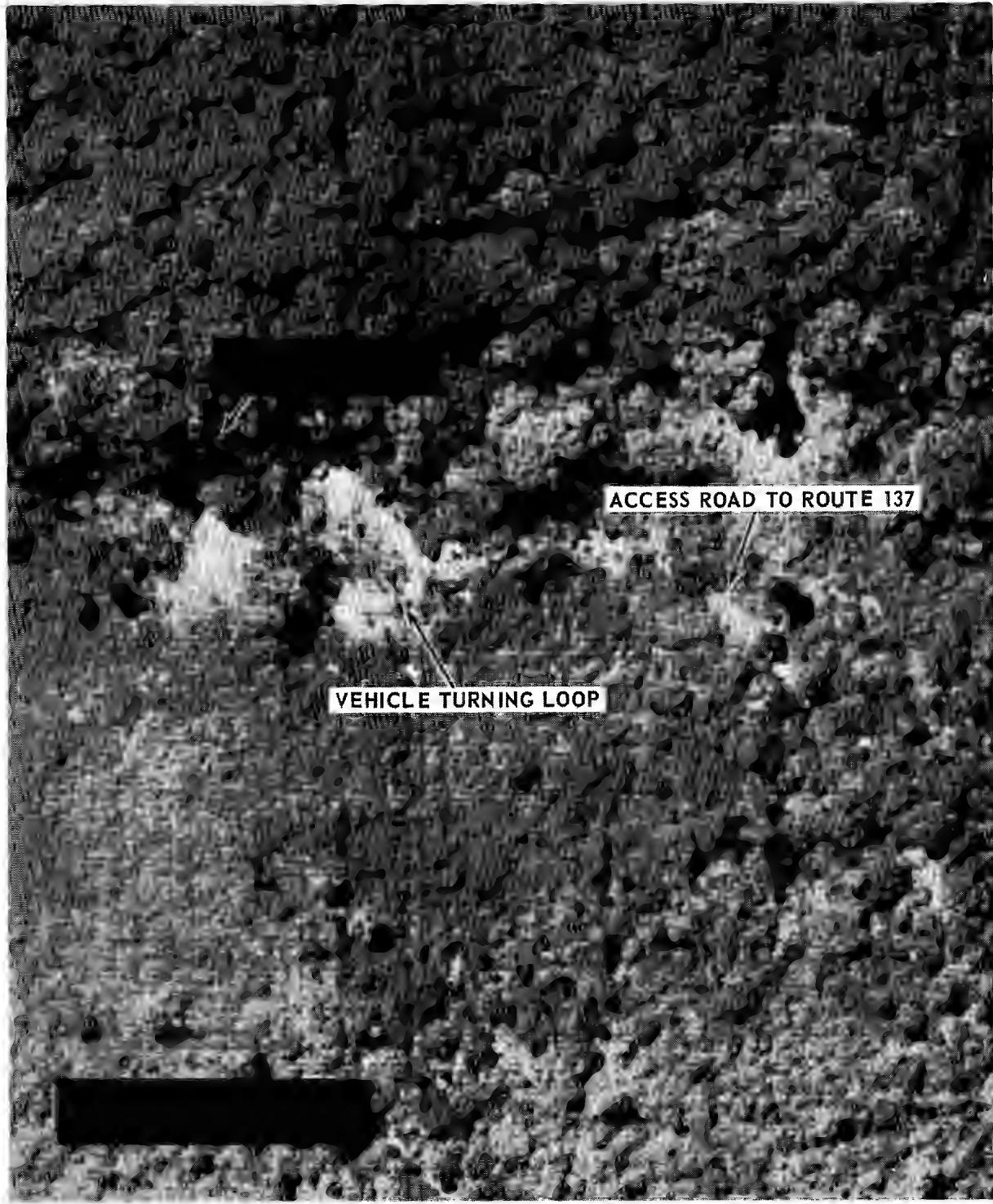


FIGURE 4. [REDACTED] ROUTE 137, NORTH VIETNAM

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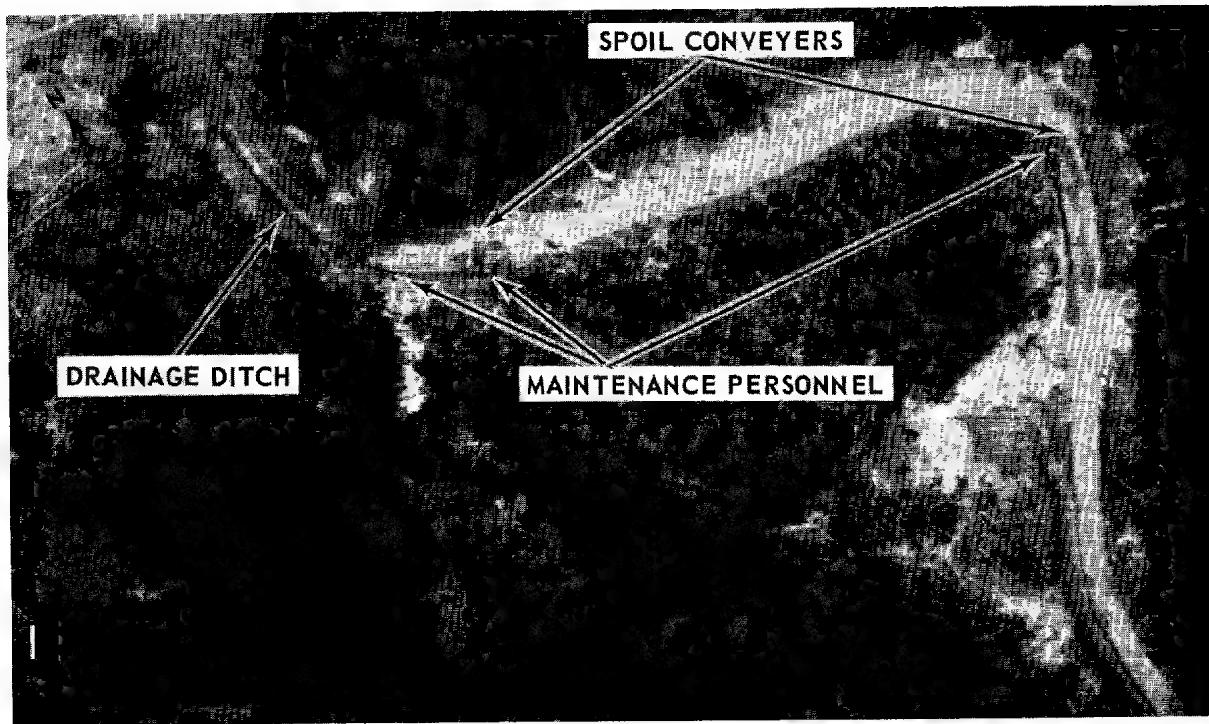
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4. Road Maintenance, Route 137, North Vietnam

25X1D Approximately 45 personnel were actively engaged in road repairs on [REDACTED] along Route 137 between UTM XE287119 and XE282132. Drainage ditches were being dug and crude conveyor devices were being used to transport the spoil across the road, where the downhill shoulder was being reinforced (Figure 5). This segment of Route 137, approximately 1.2 nm northeast of the Laos/North Vietnam border, is apparently well used and in a good state of repair.

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FIGURE 5. ROAD MAINTENANCE, ROUTE 137, NORTH VIETNAM

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5. Truck Convoy, Route 912, Laos  
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Night photography of [REDACTED] revealed a 13-truck convoy heading north on Route 912 between UTM XE261101 and XE259107, approximately 1,000 yards south of the Laos/North Vietnam border (Figure 6).

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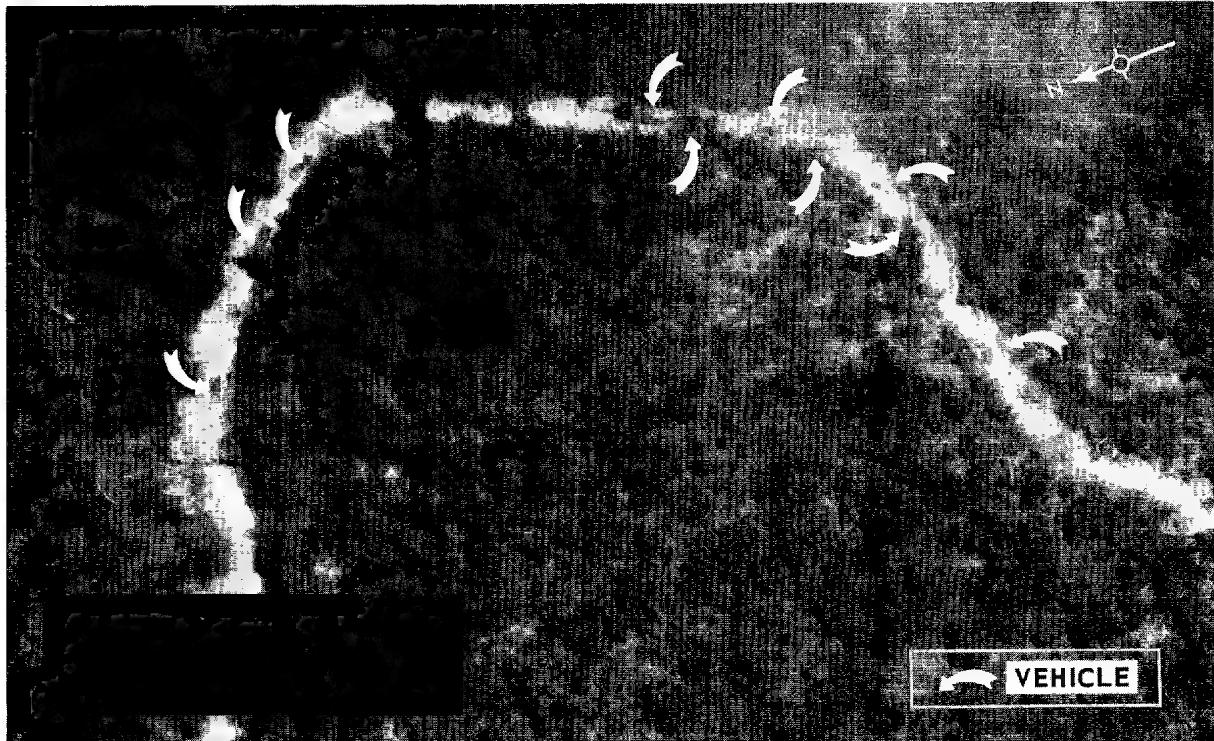


FIGURE 6. TRUCK CONVOY, ROUTE 912, LAOS

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6. Infiltration Trail Construction, Demilitarized Zone, North Vietnam

Trail widening and grading in the Demilitarized Zone, North Vietnam, extends west from UTM XD860689 along the north bank of the Rao Thanh (stream) to UTM XD853688. Sections of the trail appear to be sufficiently widened and graded to accommodate vehicular traffic. This is an extension of the trail under construction from Route 102 previously reported in Summary 13.

A fortified village consisting of approximately nine buildings and numerous trenches is on both sides of the infiltration trail at UTM XD846686 on the north bank of the Rao Thanh, approximately 0.8 nm west of the new construction activity.

A possible bunker with two AW/AA positions and a trench system is exposed on the south side of a karst hill approximately 800 yards north of Ban Co Bai at UTM XD630685.

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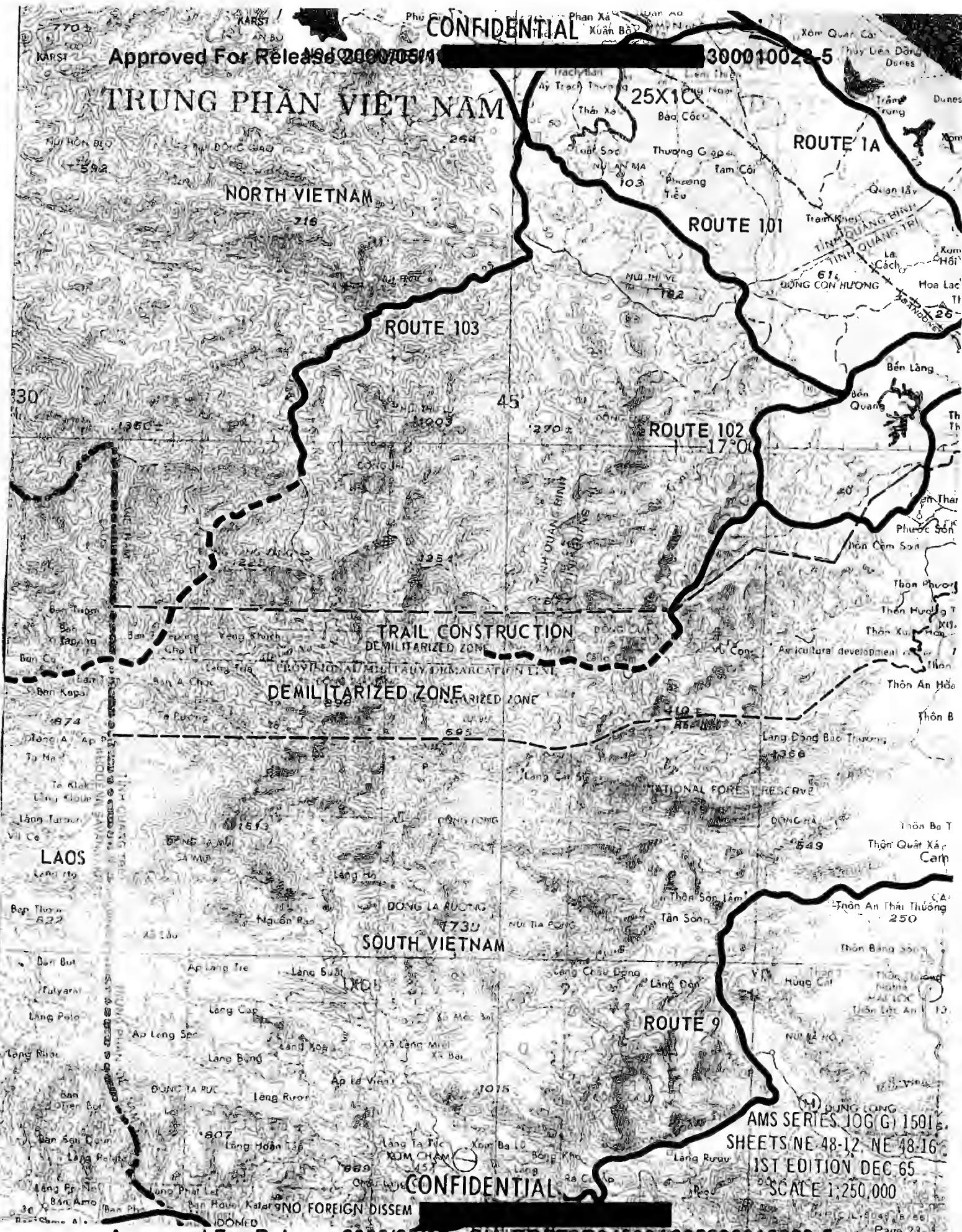
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ROAD STATUS, SOUTHERN LAOTTIAN PANHANDLE

The Communist road network in the southern Laotian Panhandle remains essentially unserviceable south of Route 9, however, there are indications of limited use of major roads north of Ban Bac. Although Route 914 is still in a poor state of repair, it is probably passable with difficulty. At least one vehicle has transited the Route 914/92 junction since it was reported unserviceable on [REDACTED] (Summary 10). This may be an attempt to reopen the supply route to the south, or merely the efforts of a stranded vehicle. Neither the frequency of vehicular traffic nor the volume which the road is capable of sustaining can be determined at this time.

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Interdictions on Route 92 north of the junction with Route 914 (Summary 9) were not by-passed from [REDACTED] and the road segment north to Ban Dong was probably not used during this period.

Landslides on Route 92 and alternate Route 92, in the vicinity of Ban Bac, remain the major impediment to vehicular traffic through the lower Panhandle. There has been no attempt to repair or by-pass these segments since they were first reported unserviceable on [REDACTED] (Summary 6). 25X1D

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A 350-yard segment of Route 96, reported unserviceable due to landslides on [REDACTED] (Summary 10), had not been repaired or by-passed as of [REDACTED]. Since a major construction effort is required to reopen Route 96 at this point, its status has probably remained unchanged. 25X1D

Heavy interdictions have rendered Route 110 unserviceable immediately west of the junction with Route 96 (Summary 10). No vehicles transited the area from [REDACTED] 25X1D

While there has been an unusual lack of repair or by-passing of the damaged road segments south of Route 9, there has been a concerted effort to maintain the Route 91/911 and Route 912/137 road network. Repeated air strikes have at least hindered movement on Route 91/911, and its serviceability is on a day-to-day basis. The extensive corduroying on Route 912 and the preparation of drainage ditches on Route 137 (Item 4) indicate a determination to keep open the supply route between North Vietnam and the Sepone area. The presence of a truck convoy on Route 912 (Item 5), rather than isolated vehicles, suggests at least partial success.

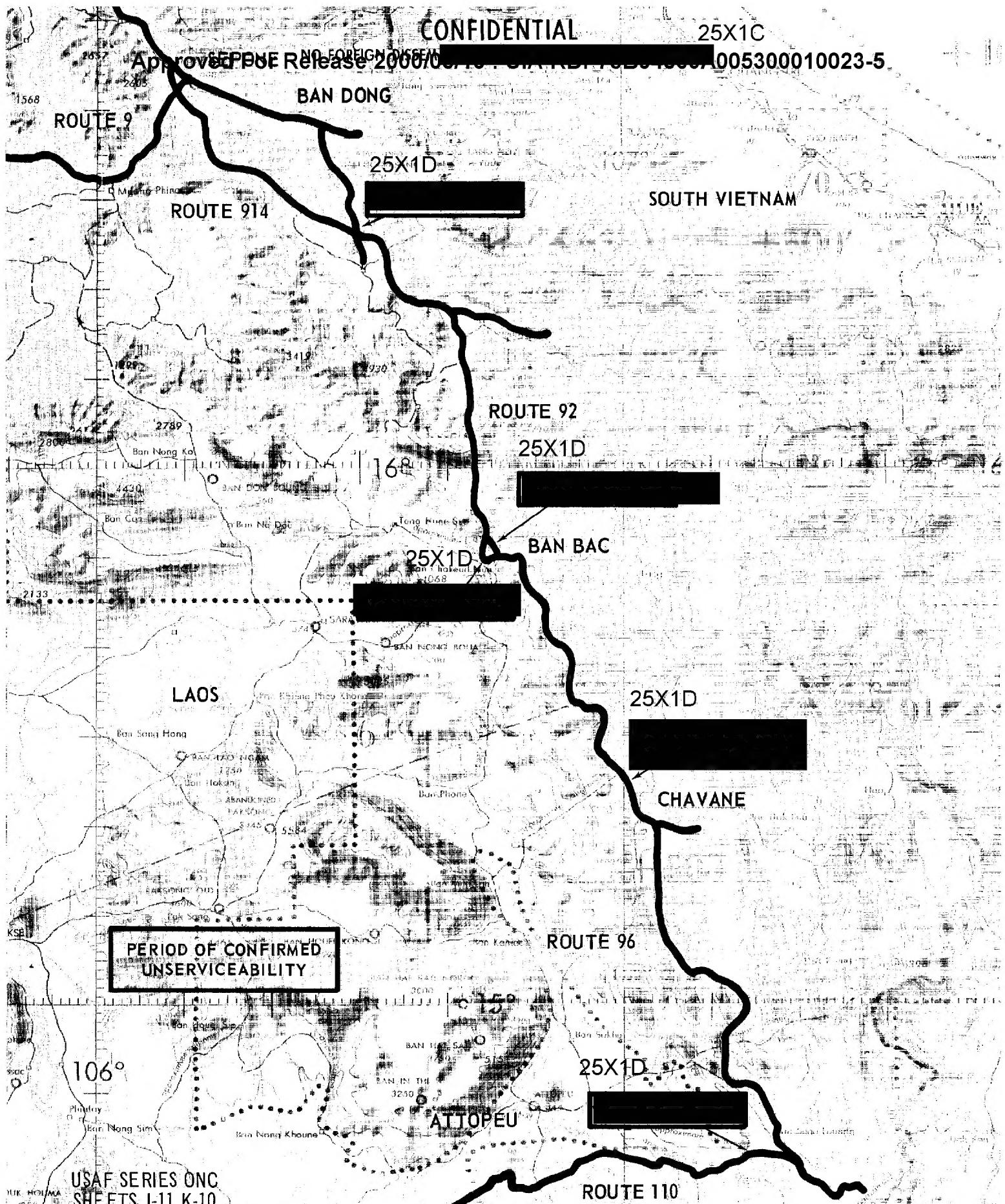
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